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**WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2005**

PRESENT: LAURA BUONO CHAIRMAN; LEON METHOT, CO-CHAIRMAN; HELEEN KURK, SELECTMAN; DONNA M. OSBORNE, SELECTMAN; JOSEPH M. FIALA, SELECTMAN

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: ROBERT CHRISTENSEN

RECORDING SECRETARY: Cherry Palmisano

GUESTS: there was no sign in sheet

6:02 Chairman Laura Buono called the meeting to order.

Mr. Gregory C. Begin was sworn in as Police Chief by Evelyn Connor.

Ms. Tina Pelletier was sworn in as Weare School District Court by Evelyn Connor.

Mr. Matt Pelletier was sworn in as Cemetery Trustee by Evelyn Connor.

Ms. Donna M. Osborne and Mr. Joseph M. Fiala were both sworn in as members of the Board of Selectmen by Evelyn Connor.

The Board held a discussion on the steps needed to perform a background check on the newly elected Police Chief. Selectman Kurk stated that the Board is trying to perform the background check completely and honestly so that there will be no question on the procedures. Forms required by Police Standards and Council have already been submitted by Chief Gregory Begin.

The Board was in question on whether they have the authority to perform a polygraph and psychological evaluation on the Police Chief which is required by all Policemen in Weare, although the requirement is not in writing. Selectman Kurk stated that in researching the issue with Local Government Center that the Board of Selectmen does not have the authority to force a polygraph because the Police Chief is elected.

Chief Gregory Begin stated he has 24 years in law enforcement and has never had a polygraph. Chief Begin informed the Board that any properly trained seasoned officer can pass a polygraph and psychological evaluation and feels that a background check is sufficient. The Board agreed that a background check was sufficient and if anything was questionable they would then proceed with further evaluations. Chief Begin is assigned to administrative duties until the background check is completed.

Selectman Kurk informed the Board that she spoke with Jim Hardy from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department. He agreed to speak to the Merrimack County Sheriffs Department for them to perform the background check. Since Chief Begin has worked in Hillsborough County previously, having the Hillsborough

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County Sheriff's Department perform the background check could be perceived as a conflict of interest. It is anticipated that the background check would take about one week.

Mr. Christensen told Selectman Osborne and Selectman Fiala that he is willing to sit down with each of them individually and explain the budget worksheets and get them up to speed on Local Government Center Policies.

Co-Chairman Methot moved, Selectman Kurk seconded to appoint Laura Buono as the Chairman. Passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Buono moved, Selectman Kurk seconded to appoint Leon Methot as the Co-Chairman. Passed 5-0-0.

1. MANIFESTS

Chairman Buono moved, Selectman Kurk seconded, to authorize the Board of Selectman to sign Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign checks dated March 17, 2005. Passed 5-0-0.

Accounts payable	\$315,090.86
Gross Payrolls	<u>\$89,426.31</u>
Total	\$404,517.17

Voids	(\$60,465.78)
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2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Evelyn Connor thanked all the voters and all her poll workers for their support and for passing the town budget.

Co-Chairman Methot moved, Selectman Kurk seconded to adjourn at 6:40 pm.

3. ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Cherry Palmisano, Recording Secretary